



**Cobblestone Classic competitors set out from Patch Barracks' Washington Square May 15. Two hundred fifty runners and walkers covered more than five miles between Patch and Panzer Kaserne along the historic tank trail that connects the two installations.**

## Cobblestone Classic 2004

# Hundreds of runners, walkers trek historic tank trail

Story & photos by Hugh C. McBride

Consider the cobblestones conquered. Two hundred fifty members of the Stuttgart military community (and at least two of their faithful canine companions) trekked the tank trail between Patch Barracks and Panzer Kaserne May 15, covering more than five miles of rugged terrain in the name of healthy competition.

"This was a great day for health and fitness in Stuttgart," said 6th Area Support Group Fitness Coordinator Cory Doubek. "The 6th ASG sports and fitness staff put a lot of time and effort into making this race a reality, and the overwhelming community response made all that work worthwhile. We were amazed at the turnout."

Doubek challenged participants of the community's inaugural "Cobblestone Classic" with an undulating course that took them from Patch's Washington Square to the perimeter of Panzer.

Most of the run was through the woods between the two installations, with much of the competition taking place on the historic cobblestone trail that was built to transport German tanks during World War II.

"It was a great course," said Capt. Bryan Groves of the Panzer-based 1st Battalion, 10th Special Forces Group (Airborne). "I'm really glad Cory and the others involved had the vision and put in the effort to make this happen."

Groves had perhaps the best view of the course, as he led all runners with a time of 28:28. Leslie Jones was the first female to cross the finish line, completing the course in 35:24.

Though Groves' finish gave him reason to enjoy the event, he wasn't the only one to praise it. Bob Gambert, who took third place in the over-50 category, was equally effusive.

"This was wonderful," Gambert said shortly after crossing the finish line. "Cory really did her homework with this."



**Five miles? No problem. A trio of runners retain their enthusiasm as they approach the final ascent.**

This was an excellent, excellent event."

Doubek said she intends to make the Cobblestone Classic a spring tradition in Stuttgart, and hopes to add a similar event to the area's autumn fitness calendar.

## Cobblestone Classic 2004: Top finishers

### 30 and under

1. Bryan Groves
2. Ken Edwards
3. Thomas Aragon

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### 31 to 40

1. Doug Hutcheson
2. Don Goss
3. Michael Kennedy

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### 41 to 50

1. Rick Mallick
2. Steve Beatty
3. Michael Ross

### Over 50

1. Don Corey
2. Don Bell
3. Bob Gambert

### 30 and under

1. Victoria Persky
2. Filiz Akin Trice
3. Caitlin Gamble

### 31 to 40

1. Lydia Lein
2. Sarah Kerwin
3. Tracy Heichelbach

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### 41 to 50

1. Leslie Jones
2. Karen Taylor
3. Catherine Felder

### Over 50

1. Ellen Hall
2. Dottie Perrat
3. Anna Ingalls

## News & Notes

### Army Ball tickets still available

Stuttgart's Army Ball is June 19, 6 p.m. Attire for this event is dress blues, dress mess or class-A uniform with white shirt and bow tie or equivalent for other services.

For tickets see your unit representative, call 430-4100/civ. 0711-680-4100 or e-mail mantont@eucom.mil.

### MOH recipients in Stuttgart

In conjunction with the Army Ball, Stuttgart will host a reception for three Medal of Honor recipients June 14, 2:30 to 3:45 p.m., in the Patch Community Club.

All community members are invited to meet Sammy Davis, who earned the MOH while serving in Vietnam, and Rodolfo Hernandez and Ronald Rosser, who were honored for their heroism during the Korean War.

### Events need force protection plan

A force protection assessment plan should be completed for all official and U.S.-sponsored off-post events.

Organizers of unofficial off-post events involving 50 or more participants should also complete an FP plan.

Completed plans should be forwarded to the 6th Area Support Group Force Protection office for review. For more information call 421-2860/civ. 0711-729-2860.

### SNAP training in Stuttgart

Stuttgart's Safe Neighborhood Awareness Program will hold the following training sessions for new volunteers in June:

- June 23 – 10 a.m., Patch Barracks Installation Coordinator's Office (building 2316).
- June 28 – 10 a.m., Kelley Barracks, building 3315.

For more information call Ernest Epps at 421-4615/civ. 0711-729-4615 or e-mail eppse@6asg.army.mil.

### YS holds summer dance, lock-in

Youth Services-registered teens in grades seven to 12 are invited to celebrate summer with a dance and lock-in in the Kelley Barracks YS.

The fun begins June 25, 7 p.m., and ends June 26, 8 a.m. Highlights include a dance contest, games and raffles, midnight movies, dinner and breakfast – all for only \$15.

For details call 421-2548/civ. 0711-729-2548.

### Learn how to manage stress

The Army Family Team Building program holds a Stress Spa June 9, 9 to 11 a.m. in the American Red Cross Community Room. Come out and learn how to manage stress and build a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn methods to control and eliminate stress as well as relaxation resources.

For details call Lori Everly at 430-5701/civ. 0711-680-5701.

### NCO organization reactivating

Stuttgart's Black Stallion chapter of the Noncommissioned Officers Association is looking for active-duty NCOs from all services to reactivate the organization.

For more information call the Retiree Support Center Tuesdays or Thursdays 10 a.m. to noon or 2 to 4 p.m., at 430-7208/civ. 0711-680-7208.

### PHS picnic honors volunteers

The faculty and staff of Patch High School will host a volunteer appreciation picnic June 10 at 12:30 p.m. directly in front of the school.

All individuals who have volunteered this year are asked to attend. For more information call Ellen Hall at 430-7246/civ. 0711-680-7246.

### German classes begin soon

The Education Center will offer conversational German classes for absolute beginners June 7 to July 12.

For details or to register call the center at 431-2714/civ. 07031-15-714, or e-mail education.admin@6asg.army.mil.

## SAFETY TIPS FOR RUNNERS



- Stay hydrated – drink at least 8 oz. of water before a light workout, and continue to drink while exercising.
- Dress for the weather – and plan ahead for temperature changes.
- Always warm up before hitting the track.
- Make sure your running shoes fit properly.